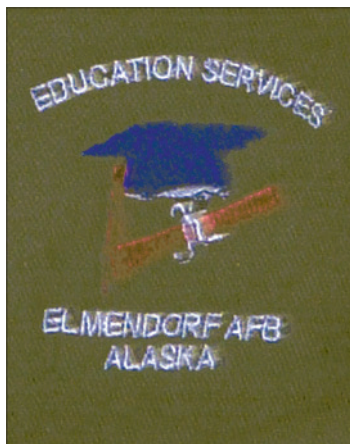


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Grady Highway provides new road to Fort Richardson

Doris Thomas
Fort Richardson Public Affairs Office

FORT RICHARDSON — Grady Highway was officially opened Thursday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The long-awaited road gives Fort Richardson residents direct access to the Joint Military Mall on Elmendorf Air Force Base. The project, which begins at the intersection of Arctic Valley Road and Fourth Street, is just over two miles long.

Officially known as the Elmendorf/Fort Richardson Grady Highway Extension, the road was part of Elmendorf’s Moose Crossing housing privatization project, a 592-home project located between Grady Highway and Glenn Highway.

Originally scheduled as the last phase of the housing project, the road was completed a full year ahead of schedule.

“Building a bridge and extending the Grady Highway for direct access by both Army and Air Force families is truly a win-win situation,” said U.S Army Maj. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., U.S Army Alaska commander. “Army families ap-



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN GARRETT HOTHAN

Left to right: Brig. Gen Hawk Carlisle, 3rd Wing commander; Jonathan Rubini, managing member of Aurora Military Housing LLC; and U.S Army Maj. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., U.S. Army Alaska commander, cut a ribbon during the Grady Highway opening ceremony July 13. The road links Fort Richardson to Elmendorf.

preciate the priority the Aurora military housing team has placed upon its early completion. Grady Highway is a major quality of life improvement for Fort Richardson Soldiers and families, creating a convenient, safe and secure access to the Joint Military Mall and the hospi-

Member wants gate open 24-hours

Editors note: This is one of several concerns regarding the Government Hill gate hours.

Q: I am a resident of Cherry Hills and I'm concerned with the new hours of the Government Hill Gate. Is it only open till 6 a.m.-10 p.m. temporarily? Or is this the new hours for good?

I feel we have gotten the short end with the way the gates have been open to us. We haven't had a gate close to us for eight months. We've had to use more gas with the traveling from the downtown area after hours to Boniface Gate and I don't think it's fair. I'm glad to hear that the gate is finally opening but why the reduced hours?

Doesn't someone care that the



Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle
3rd Wing commander

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done? The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner. If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224
actionline@
elmendorf.af.mil

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can't help, then please call the Action Line.

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Lt. Col. David Aupperle, 3rd SVS/CC
552-2468
Lt. Col. Robert Garza, 3rd SFS/CC
552-4304

businesses out on Government Hill have suffered?

There are two businesses that have closed down for good and I'm sure the other ones aren't far off. Is the reduced hours because there are a bunch of troops deployed?

I work at the airport and it's very frustrating to have to travel 10-plus extra miles due to the construction.

I just wish someone looked into this harder to figure a way to keep it open 24-hours like it used to be.

A: First, let me start off by acknowledging the inconveniences the construction as well as the change in gate hours may have caused. However, the need to update our military family houses coupled with our manpower shortfalls within security forces has left me limited options. Let me explain:

Given the increased deployment operations tempo in the 3rd Security Forces, both at Elmendorf and across the Air Force, we are faced with adjusting some of the services we once offered.

I cannot be specific concerning our security forces manning for obvious reasons, but I will say, we are implementing and maximizing every force multiplier to supplement our over-tasked Airmen to include Reserve troops to backfill certain staff and flight functions, civilian over hires to backfill staff positions normally held by an active duty member; contract guards to assist with entry control, U.S. Army personnel to assist with entry control duties; and Ready Augmentation Duty personnel to assist with flight line security.

Still, our requirements are greater than our resources. Something has to give, and how we man the gates is one of the ways I can reduce the requirements.

The decision to adjust Government Hill Gate hours was made only after extensive research. A traffic study was conducted and revealed the majority of traffic entering and exiting the gate occurred between the hours of 6 a.m.

and 10 p.m.

Here at Elmendorf, we have been accustomed to multiple gates operating throughout a 24-hour period.

Our changes will put Elmendorf in line with the majority of Air Force installations who have already reduced gate operating hours or the number of gates.

Manning issues, anti-terrorism and force protection concerns, and gate utilization during certain periods also factored in to the decision making process.

Do we shift members from an already short security forces staff to augment flights? That's not feasible; as any further cutting of those positions will vastly affect services provided to a much larger population ... other agencies, active duty, contractor, civilians, and sister services personnel.

Reducing the number of flightline patrols is not an option as we are mandated by *AFI 31-101* to provide a certain level of security for our protection level resources.

Using more augmentees to backfill is also not an option. Other units currently providing augmentees are experiencing cuts and deployments as well, so I am forced to scale back the augmentee program.

An increase in contract guards is not an option either as the contract is capped and as with all our service contracts there are mandated cuts in services established for the future years. Additionally, contract guards can only be utilized in certain capacities.

We do care about our local businesses and will make every effort to support those who so diligently support Elmendorf.

The operating hours 6 a.m.-10 p.m. of Government Hill Gate still afford Elmendorf residents the opportunity to patronize those businesses.

Although change is sometimes inconvenient, this change is necessary to help us continue to properly secure Elmendorf, its resources, and continue providing the best service possible to those who live, work, and visit here.



Staff Sgt. David Jacobs, Airmen 1st Class Doyle Bohr and Jeremy Starkey, and Kenneth Jones, 3rd Communications Squadron, and a team of 15 members distinguished themselves by initiating a self-help clean-up project in the basement of the Denali Hall. The clean-up included the removal of 20-years worth of materials and garbage. Sixteen pallets of equipment were salvaged for recycling. The team completed an estimated ten days worth of work in only three days. The quick actions of the team not only saved the base the cost of hiring a cleaning service, but also enabled the base to re-use the space within the facility for much needed occupancy.

The 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Joint Direct Attack Munitions Assembly Team, guaranteed the first ever JDAM employment at Elmendorf. The JDAM team received, stored, assembled and delivered 26 GBU-38/B bombs. Their astounding success ensured the completion of 432 on-time sorties with a 100 percent on-target rate, ensuring the deployment of this state-of-the-art weapons system for years to come.

Tech. Sgt. Eliot Montgomery and Staff Sgt. David King, 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron, displayed outstanding technical knowledge while performing a modification to 170 aircrew chemical defense mask and filter assemblies. This vital task modernized a system which dates back to the 1970s. The completion of this task provided aircrews with crucial life-sustaining equipment, enhancing survivability in a chemical environment and the 962nd's worldwide deployability.



Blood Drive

The monthly blood drive takes place from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday at the Log Cabin. To schedule an appointment, contact your unit blood drive monitor or 1st Lt. Veronica Acker at 552-9982, e-mail veronica.acker@elmendorf.af.mil, or Capt. David Berrios at 552-6681, e-mail david.berrios@elmendorf.af.mil. You can also go the Blood Bank's website if you want to learn more: www.bloodbankofalaska.org.

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3rd Wing Moment in History July 20-21, 1952:

The 3rd Bomb Wing began conducting daylight attacks against troop concentrations and industrial targets in Korea, due to an inability to hit targets at night. It had taken an average of 100 bombs to destroy 1.8 trucks at night.



Elmendorf C-130 crew delivers critical supplies in war zone

SOUTHWEST ASIA – A C-130 crew from Elmendorf, currently assigned to the 738th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, provided critical support to an Army operating location in Afghanistan in early July by airdropping essential supplies before a potential enemy attack from Taliban forces.

Aircraft commander Capt. Travis Sjostedt and his crew just completed their last sortie during their 30-day forward deployment to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. But as the crew was preparing their aircraft to return to the main operating base, they received a message from the theatre's Combined Air Operations Center that a forward operating base in Afghanistan was short of critical supplies.

According to CAOC officials, commanders at the forward operating base were concerned that Taliban forces were planning an imminent attack on their location. In order to defend their base, FOB commanders requested that emergency supplies be delivered as quickly as possible.

The only option to get supplies to the FOB was by air drop. CAOC controllers knew Captain Sjostedt's crew was still at Bagram, so they called the base leadership to ask if the crew was able to support an emergency airdrop mission with only a limited amount of time left in their duty day. Aircrews are mandated to a limited duty day for flight safety reasons.

"The navigator, 1st Lt. Justin Newton, went out to talk to our loadmasters to see if they could make it happen, and without delay they said yes" said Captain Sjostedt.

Within minutes of accepting the mission, Captain Sjostedt's crew of six sprang into life. While personnel

at Bagram were palletizing and rigging parachutes to more than 8-tons of supplies destined for the FOB, his flight engineer and two loadmasters scrambled to configure the C-130 to upload and deploy the supplies while the pilots and navigator were planning the mission, flight routes and calculating their drop time. A process that normally takes two to three hours was compressed to under an hour.

"Getting the aircraft ready in such a short time was definitely a challenge," said flight engineer Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Ryal. "Our crew really ramped it up – perfectly."

Lieutenant Newton, spent most of his pre-mission planning coordinating with the local Bagram tactics shop. "We had to coordinate a lot of things with the Army. Our approach to the drop zone, location of the drop zone, times for the drop," he said. "We needed to make sure we were all on the same sheet. Any disconnects and we'd be exposing the soldiers to the enemy longer than necessary."

With the FOB's precious cargo onboard, the crew took off for its designated drop zone. Even while the crew was enroute to the drop zone, they were making last minute adjustments to the approach to the drop zone and preparing the cargo for air drop.

In just under four hours from initial notification, with no room for error and only one chance to make a pass at the drop zone, the crew dropped their 12 bundles of cargo within eight seconds of their scheduled time, and within a few hundred feet of the target zone.

What made this mission more extraordinary, according to Lt. Col. William Summers, 738th EAS com-

mander, was that the crew had little combat airdrop experience.

"We are sending out young crews everyday to do complex missions with great success," Colonel Summers said. "It validates the training these crews go through back home."

When asked about their reaction to their impromptu mission, Capt. Sjostedt summarized it simply with, "it is the most rewarding experience I've had as an aircrew member ... being part of such an outstanding team effort and realizing that our success had immediate and vital impact to our guys on the ground."

The crew's efforts didn't go unnoticed at the CAOC. Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Gisler Jr., Director of Mobility Forces praised the crew's performance. "There are some Americans on the ground today still in the fight because of what they accomplished," he said.

The 738th EAS crew has returned to their deployed location where they are preparing to rotate back to their home station here at Elmendorf as are part of the 517th Airlift Squadron.

The 517th Airlift Squadron has a



COURTESY PHOTO

The Elmendorf C-130 crew responsible for the combat air drop, left to right: Capt. John Fuccillo (Copilot), 1st Lt. Justin Newton (Navigator), Tech. Sgt. Jon Ryal (Flight Engineer), Capt. Travis Sjostedt (Aircraft Commander), Airman 1st Class Joe Scobey (Loadmaster), Staff Sgt. Eric Watts (Loadmaster).

great history at Elmendorf to include hundreds of missions in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and last year's tsunami relief efforts. "This was truly a rewarding mission," said 517 AS commander Lt. Col. Gary Gottschall. "I couldn't be more proud of the crew."

Capt. Sjostedt's crew is expected home around July 24.

Editor's note: Capt. Kelley Jeter, 3rd Wing Public Affairs, contributed to this story.

Simulator to help prepare pilots for C-17 arrivals



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JARED MARQUIS

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Daniel Kolter, 166th Aerial Port Squadron, New Castle, Del., helps fellow Airmen unload a portion of Elmendorf's new C-17 simulator from a C-17A Globemaster III July 12.

Airman Kolter was working with the 732nd Air Mobility Squadron for his annual training.

By Senior Airman Jared Marquis
3rd Wing Public Affairs

In preparation for the arrival of Elmendorf's first C-17A Globemaster III in June 2007, members of the Program Integration Office flew to Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. to help deliver Elmendorf's newest simulator.

Flown in on a C-17A, the simulator was unloaded on July 12 by crews from Elmendorf and McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

"The purpose of the simulator is to train Elmendorf pilots and loadmasters to fly the Air Force's newest, most flexible cargo aircraft" said Jim Fellows from the Boeing Company.

"Our new simulator is state of the art and allows crew members of the C-17A to link up with other bases and weapons systems to provide some of the most realistic training possible."

The strengths of the C-17A are many, and will help improve the Air Force's and Elmendorf's way of doing business, said Maj. Greg Estes, C-17 PIO deputy chief.

"The C-17A is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area" Major Estes said. "It can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can also transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations when required."

The C-17A is replacing Elmendorf's aging fleet of C-130s and will be flown by the 517th Airlift Squadron when they arrive next year.

According to PIO Chief Lt. Col. Tim McLain, the reason for the changes is simple.

"The flexibility and reliability that the C-17A brings to PACAF and the 3rd Wing will play a vital role in executing the Air Force's worldwide mobility mission."

Over the next month, Arctic Warriors and flight safety representatives will be breaking down the packages and assembling the simulator.

The simulator is scheduled to be ready for training in January 2007.

Education Fair eases frustration when seeking degree

By 2nd Lt. Erin Slaughter
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Many people are too intimidated to go into the Education Center or go to the different campuses to ask questions and see what school would be right for them.

For this reason, the Education Office hosted an education fair July 13 at the Elmendorf Education Center.

By staying attuned with the needs of the base, the Education Office has made this year's fair more helpful than ever.

"We want people to know that they do not have to put their education on hold because they move around a lot," said Lenny White, base training manager for the Education Office. "Our staff wants to help them explore their options, and the fair has proven to be the best way to do that."

Every year the information fair grows, and this year was no exception.

When they began the fair, they were geared mainly toward the spouses and helping them to get a higher education in order to be more competitive for jobs. Then they realized that active-duty members also needed to attain a higher level of education and many were unsure of how to do that.

Since that realization, they have focused on serving both active duty and their dependents.

New additions to the fair include a representative from the Veterans Affairs Office and from Nine Star Enterprises. After consistently receiving questions pertaining to the Montgomery GI Bill, the Education Office realized that they needed to bring someone out to answer those questions.

They also strive to include spouses and dependants by having a booth for Nine Star Enterprises. This is a non-profit organization designed to assist people in getting their GED and also offers many other programs, including English as a second language.

In addition to the two new organizations, there were many schools and organizations that made a return trip. The University of Anchorage Alaska, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Wayland Baptist University, Alaska Pacific University, and Central Texas College were all present. There was also a booth set up for the Spouse Tuition Assistance Program. Another participant was the Alaska Commission on Post Secondary Education, a financial organization that helps active-duty members and their spouses find loans and grants and fill out those applications.

Maureen Colon, the education service officer, stressed that publicity is extremely important in this event.

"Publicizing early is crucial to the event in order to draw more

students and introduce them to the programs and services offered," she said. Even students that aren't immediately ready to start school are welcome, because simply meeting the staff of the Education Office and hearing about the services can be a great help down the line when they are ready to pursue more education.

The convenience was a great draw to many of the participants. For Senior Airman Stuart Witkop, all it took was a walk down the hall during a break for a class he's currently taking in pursuit of his Community College of the Air Force degree.

"I've got a few more classes to take for my CCAF, but I figured that while everyone was here together I should come get some more information," he said.

Senior Airman Elizabeth Webster had a unique reason for going to the fair. "I'm hoping to get a part time job teaching undergraduate classes at a nearby school and this



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JARED MARQUIS

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Cantwell and his wife Kyrea talk to a member of the Education Office at the Education Fair July 13. Representatives from area schools, Veterans Affairs and others attended the event.

fair really saved me time because I did not have to go to each school individually in order to make my contacts," she said.

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Cantwell and his wife Kyrea were there to obtain information regarding information for her education. They were both very pleased with the quality of information and the helpful attitudes the Education Office staff and school representatives possessed.

Anyone who would like more information on programs offered by the Education Office can contact them at 552-2189.

All of the schools offering programs through the base are located in the Education Office building at 4109 Bullard Ave.

New road connects Air Force, Army

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tal. This link between our two sister installations is more than a practical physical connection; it symbolizes the future and the continued mutual support which will occur under the Joint Basing concept now in its formative stages.”

Elmendorf’s 3rd Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, said the new road benefits Elmendorf personnel as well.

“Not only does the Grady Highway project give Soldiers and their families a direct route to the Joint Military Mall, it provides an alternate access route for the families in the Elmendorf Phase II housing,” he said. “This project is a step in the right direction towards the future of joint installation initiatives for Fort Richardson and Elmendorf.”

The road was funded as part of the privatization project with Aurora Military Housing LLC, not through direct government funding. The road and bridge costs were part of the overall infrastructure cost of the Moose Crossing project; total project costs are funded by the anticipated 50-year income flow generated by rents of military tenants over the term of the lease.

“The funding arrangement was unique in that it was negotiated with Aurora Military Housing as an addition to the infrastructure requirement of the private housing project,” said Thomas Petersen, privatization support contractor, master planning department, Directorate of Public Works.

“Normally such a project (i.e, the segment for connecting Army neighborhoods and bridging Ship Creek), would be a

separate construction request which, in the current funding climate, would probably not receive priority consideration or attention, and consequently would not have been executed in such a timely manner,” Petersen said. “It was given high priority by each service and the Air Force placed a high priority upon its being incorporated into the overall contract with Aurora.”

The primary contractor for the road project was Osborne Construction Company. One of Osborne’s challenges was the 130-foot span over Ship Creek, which required placement of five 150-foot pre-cast concrete T-girders and pile driving 100 tons of sheet piling at the road abutments.

Grady Highway is named for Staff Sergeant Joseph A. Grady, an Army Air Corps flight engineer, who with Maj. Everett S. Davis and Cpl. Edward D. Smith, radio operator, landed at Merrill Field in August 1940 in a B-10B bomber as the advance party for the 28th Composite Group.

According to 11th Air Force history, both enlisted men were from Headquarters Squadron, 28th Composite Group. The Davis Highway on Fort Richardson and Smith Lane in the new housing area commemorate the other two members of the advance party.

“We take pride in our joint installation initiatives to provide a direct access for Fort Richardson’s families’ use of the hospital, base exchange and commissary,” said Bev Roberts, chief, Housing Flight, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron.

“Today’s ceremony marks a milestone of the 3rd Wing’s effort to enhance the quality of life for Soldiers, Airmen and their families.”

Nonjudicial punishment

Article 15s:

An airman first class from the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a vacation action for failing to go to physical fitness training and for being absent without leave from his place of duty.

A vacation action imposes a suspended punishment that had been adjudged by a previous Article15.

In this case his punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman.

A senior airman from the 3rd EMS received a vacation action for being absent without leave on two separate occasions.

In this case his punishment was a forfeiture of \$470 pay and restriction to Elmendorf for 14 days.

A senior airman from the 3rd EMS received a vacation action for failing to refrain from consuming alcohol in the dorms and by failing to obey an order to report in before departing work.

In this case his punishment consisted of a forfeiture of \$1009 pay.

Discharges:

A senior airman with the 3rd EMS was administratively discharged for a pattern of misconduct.

The member’s misconduct included an Article 15 containing five specifications of failure to go, two specifications of failure to obey, and three specifications of making a false official statement.

The member received two Letters of Reprimand for being derelict while in the performance of his duties and failure to go to a mandatory appointment. He has also received a Letter of Counseling for failure to go to physical fitness training.

The member’s misconduct resulted in a General Discharge.

(Courtesy of the 3rd Wing Legal Office)



Muldoon Gate

Due to construction, the Muldoon Gate is closed until Aug. 6. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Carlos Lopez at 552-4011 or Hazim Yunis at 552-3079.

Volunteers needed

Arctic Thunder 2006, Elmendorf’s air show and open house, is Aug. 12-13. The air show team is seeking volunteers for various tasks. People interested in helping should call 552-5324 or 552-5414, or e-mail 2nd Lt. Joseph Douglass at joseph.douglass@elmendorf.af.mil or Senior Master Sgt. Richard Lister at richard.lister@elmendorf.af.mil. For more details about the event, call 552-SHOW (7469).

Spouse TA

The dates to apply for Spouse Tuition Assistance for classes beginning in August and September are until Aug. 26 for University of Alaska, Central Texas College and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and Wednesday-Aug. 9 for Wayland Baptist University. For more information, call the Education Center at 552-3164.

Family child care provider

Anyone conducting child care services in base housing for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis must be a licensed Family

Child Care provider. This is in accordance with Air Force Instructions. For more information on how to obtain certification, call 552-3995.

Suicide awareness

- A train the trainer class for suicide awareness training begins at 2 p.m. Monday in the Tricare conference room on the second floor of the hospital. To sign-up, send an email to Staff Sgt. Charles Massey at charles.massey@elmendorf.af.mil, or call 580-1399.
- A suicide awareness briefing begins at 3 p.m. July 25 at the base theater.

Memorial commemoration

The Air Force Association invites all Alaskan veterans, citizens and visitors to attend the sixth annual 11th Air Force Memorial ceremony honoring World War II veterans today at Merrill Field starting at 10 a.m. The memorial is located at the 15th Avenue and Lake Otis entrance. The guest speaker is Alex Spector, director, Alaska Veterans Affairs Health Care Service and Regional office. This event is free to all.

For more information, call Gary Hoff at 552-8132.

AFA luncheon

There is an Air Force Association luncheon at noon today at the Sheraton Hotel. The cost is free

with a chapter coin, or \$10 for lunch and \$10 for a coin that gets you in free to future luncheons. Reservations are required by Tuesday to Gary Hoff at dghoff@gci.net, or call 552-8132.

Child care

The Elmendorf Child Development Centers have immediate openings for full-time care for 2-year-olds. Call Resources and Refferrals at 552-7840 for more information.

Road closure

The intersection of Necrason and 22nd Street will be closed Monday - Thursday for storm drain installation.

Bargain Shop sale

The Bargain Shop will have a bag sale Aug. 2-21. Shoppers can fill a grocery bag with select items and pay \$3. Summer hours for the Bargain Shop will end Aug. 16. For more information, call 753-6134 or log on to www.elmendorfoso.com/bargainshop.htm.

MPF customer queue

Anyone needing a Department of Defense identification card can sign in at the Military Personnel Flight customer service office, and then monitor their status via Sharepoint at https://portal.elmendorf.af.mil. However, you must be present when your name is called.

Military and Family Readiness encourages financial knowledge

By Rocky Latta
Military and Family Readiness Center

Unfortunately, many adults have grown up in extremely dysfunctional situations in regard to money management.

Unrealistic attitudes and misunderstandings regarding basic personal finances are prevalent in today's culture of convenience.

There is confusion between what we think we need and what we can afford.

Many times, instant gratification wins out over prudence, resulting in years of financial misery with the stroke of a pen.

Initial poor financial decisions can result in poor debt-to-income ratio, which is very difficult to turn around. Many find themselves throwing away a significant portion of their income in the form of finance charges on secured and unsecured debt which depreciates faster than you can make payments.

This affects not only the member, but can serve to negate his or her family and squadron mission readiness.

The point is, finances are complex and can create a domino effect where almost all areas of life are negatively impacted. Financial irresponsibility today can affect financial options for years down the road.

Bad credit has a long shelf life and it is particularly important for Air Force personnel to understand

their FICO score (credit report) represents their integrity and character.

We at the Military and Family Readiness Center are seeing more and more members in jeopardy of losing their security clearance, making this a priority issue. Unfortunately, by the time they get to us, it is often too late.

The financial world is filled with smoke screens. Creditors show you what they want you to see, such as zero percent interest rate, guaranteed interest rates or no payments for 90 days. Often it is the goal of predatory creditors to encourage high debt-to-income ratio resulting in only being able to make minimum payments.

Once the consumer is only able to make minimum payments they are financially stressed and easily become victim to over-the-limit fees and late fees.

Minimum debt payment takes many years to pay off, with the borrower primarily servicing only the interest on the debt.

Often, lenders present only part of the deal, showing you what they want you to see.

The following represents what we see in our day to day experiences at the Military and Family Readiness Center:

- First Term Airmen purchasing vehicles prior to completing financial class at the Arctic Warrior Orientation Course ... often resulting in problems such as – owing more than the vehicle is worth, high interest

rates, high insurance rates, two payments on the same car (financing the down payment), and paying above value

- Extremely high income-to-debt ratio which results in disaster if one thing goes wrong

- Very little savings, or none at all

- Not understanding terms and conditions of financial contracts

- Lack of awareness and understanding of credit reports and how they serve as an indicator of a person's integrity and character

- Not understanding the impact that today's choices have on future options

- Revolving credit cards at high interest rates ...not understanding how a credit card works (interest rate can change any time, late fees, over-the-limit fees)

- Long term financial planning means making to the end of the week

- Lack of general knowledge regarding account management

- Looking for quick fixes through debt consolidation ... ending up more in debt and with more bad credit

- Cash value insurance policies which have a death benefit and serve as an investment and do both poorly

- Cash advances which charge 400-600 percent interest

- Rent-to-own companies which have outrageous interest rates and fees

- 90 days same as cash and no

payment until 2007 ... a lot of hidden agendas in favor of the creditor within the contract

- Sales people providing gifts to Airmen such as cash or DVD players for their business ... often causes the purchaser to feel committed to the transaction

- Company logo credit cards with extremely high interests rates, example: \$1200 loan for new computer at 26% with \$38 monthly payments ... \$28 goes towards interest and \$10 towards principle – Takes 10 years to pay off

- Credit card fees such as late fees, credit insurance and over the limit ... very high, predatory and invasive ... banks now make more off fees than they do off interest

- Rip-off financing programs for purchasing a home which can be predatory and extremely costly, examples are interest only and Promise to Purchase agreements

- Lack of understanding regarding investing such as TSP and Roth Individual Retirement Account

Financial traps are easy for the unwary to fall into and it is becoming increasingly important to be vigilant regarding financial decisions.

The above represents some of the day to day problems regarding finances at the Military and Family Readiness Center.

Individuals interested in improving their financial future should call the Military and Family Readiness Center at 552-4943.

Mrs. Lee Ann Stuart

Organization and duty title: 3rd Operations Support Squadron director of operations secretary
Hometown: Winner, S.D.
Hobbies: Camping, riding 4-wheelers, baking and sewing
Mission Contributions: Edits and reviews all 3rd OSS awards and decorations, manages daily updates to six separate 3rd OSS commanders recall rosters, acts as a facilitator for 3rd OSS DO scheduling
Time at Elmendorf: Five years, 11 months
Time in Alaska: 33 years
Best part about being in Alaska: The beauty of the countryside
Quote from supervisor: “Lee Ann represents the very best of the 3rd Wing – she knows her stuff, works hard, and has a great sense of duty and sense of humor. It’s an honor to work with Lee Ann as she keeps us all smiling.” Lt. Col. Richard Coe



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PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DE-JUAN HALEY

Staff Sgt. Marie Hartle

Organization and duty title: 3rd Comptroller Squadron, NCOIC customer service counter
Hometown: Ogden, Utah
Hobbies: Hiking, camping, fishing, and reading
Mission contributions: Ensures all military members are paid correctly
Time at Elmendorf: One year
Time in the Air Force: 10 years
Best part about being in Alaska: The beauty all around
Quote from supervisor: “Sergeant Hartle is a definite asset to our wing. She is the driving force behind keeping Elmendorf’s active duty members paid. Her leadership, knowledge and sincere care for her troops and customers alike are beyond reproach. She is an outstanding NCO with limitless potential and we are very lucky to have her.” Master Sgt. Scott Armstrong

Camp Mad Bull changes face of training

By Tech. Sgt. Keith Brown
3rd Communications Squadron

Air Force members who have participated at the battlefield of the War on Terror realize that this war is much different than the one we have been preparing for.

Donning a gas mask and taking cover under a desk isn't the war most Airmen are fighting today.

Convoy duty, and all that it brings; improvised explosive devices, mines and small arms fire, is the one of the most dangerous situations to be in.

Additionally, the days of sending our pilots off to fight the war while remaining safely behind the front lines are long gone.

Air Force members are finding themselves in these changing roles. These roles are the primary reason Mad Bull, Elmendorf's remote training location north of the flightline, is undergoing some substantial modifications.

Elmendorf's Combat Skills Training Office is converting Mad Bull into a premiere training complex with the objective of providing critical training to deploying Airmen at home station.

"By providing these training capabilities at Elmendorf, we have the potential to save money for the wing and shorten the time Airmen are away from home – this will benefit both the unit and the member," said 1st Lt. Ross Dotzlaf, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron.

The additions to Mad Bull include 'Terror Town' – a road through the woods with plywood buildings lining it to provide a

realistic feel of convoy duty, training for guard and escort duty, an extended confidence course, land navigation and IED identification.

"When designing Terror Town, we used the 'Hollywood movie set' concept. If you inspect Terror Town with a fine-toothed comb, it won't take long to find out that it's not a real town.

However, if you're driving through in a convoy, Terror Town will look very realistic – there are buildings of every shape and size and every possible combination of doors and windows.

"For Airmen who are taking part in the convoy training scenarios, the makeshift town will give them the mindset that they are driving through a real village in the Middle East, so that when they do the real thing, they'll be more comfortable with their surroundings."

During a July 13 tour, the Combat Skills Training team showed wing leaders the new abilities at Mad Bull and briefed them on upcoming changes.

Airman 1st Class Richard Jacobs, 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, the bus driver for the tour, just returned from convoy duty in Iraq and told wing leaders about his experiences.

They included being hit by IEDs, receiving small arms fire and being ambushed, many of the situations that Mad Bull will be focusing on.

Lieutenant Dotzlaf said experiences like those of Airman Jacobs are the primary reason for the changes to Mad Bull. He added that the Air Force isn't the



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. KEITH BROWN

Airman 1st Class Richard Jacobs, 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, tells Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, 3rd Wing commander, and other senior leaders about his experiences while he recently deployed. Elmendorf's training range, Camp Mad Bull, is currently being renovated to better prepare Airman Jacobs, and those like him, for the experiences they could face in a contingency environment.

only one to benefit.

"Eventually, we intend to have units from all branches use the site for training. This will have two primary benefits – more Alaska servicemembers will be better prepared for combat, and we can benchmark best practices from each type of unit and use those lessons learned to develop the most comprehensive, highest-quality program possible," he said.

Airmen will begin seeing the changes by the Air Expeditionary Forces 7 rotation next spring.

To date, the project has cost approximately \$100,000, but is relatively small compared to the work being done.

"The biggest cost savings for the project so far has come in the form of labor," said the lieutenant.

We've been very lucky to have four Air Force Reserve civil engineer teams visit this summer, two from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., one team from New Orleans and one team from Selfridge, Mich., and they have done almost all of the construction."

All the changes equate to one primary objective, said Lieutenant Dotzlaf.

"Airmen from across the wing, from all backgrounds and specialties, will be prepared to meet the combat challenges they may face in a contingency environment."



PHOTO SENIOR AIRMAN GARRETT HOTHAN

Purple flight

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., U.S. Army Alaska commander, (left) and Capt. Samantha Weeks, 12th Fighter Squadron, make their way to an F-15C for General Jacoby's familiarization flight. General Jacoby has been in his current position since July 2005. Captain Weeks was recently selected to fly with the Thunderbirds, the Air Force's premier aerial demonstration team.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. KEITH BROWN

First female four-ship

Four F-15C pilots from the 3rd Wing step to their respective jets for the "fini flight" of Maj. Andrea "Gunna" Misener, 19th Figher Squadron, pictured far left. To her right are Capt. Jammie "Trix" Jamieson of the 12th Fighter Squadron, Maj. Carey "Mamba" Jones, 19th Fighter Squadron, and Capt. Samantha "Combo" Weeks, 12th Fighter Squadron. When Maj. Misener selected who would be joining her in her four-ship fini flight, it became apparent there was a probable first in the Eagle community. Despite the growing number of females who have joined the ranks of fighter pilots since the career opened up to women in 1993, an all-female four-ship had not been accomplished in the F-15C before.

Major Misener is leaving for the year-long Joint Military Intelligence College in Washington D.C.



Clockwise from top left: Tech. Sgt. Brenton Keay, 3rd Mission Support Squadron, Kodiak Hall dorm manager, helps hang soffit on the Rogers' new home.

Betsy Rogers, center, and members of her family look on in disbelief as they view their new home. Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, host, Ty Pennington stands in the center background.

Senior Airman Sara Weissman, 381st Intelligence Squadron, prepares to install a window in the back of the Rogers' new home.

A mere eight hours after the first wall panel was installed on the Rogers' new home, nearly all the second story structure was completed.

Nearing completion of the external aspects of the project, workers begin work on the landscape surrounding the Rogers' new home.

Earl Hughes, "Alaska's Ambassador of Country Music," took time to stop by and entertain the workers and spectators.

Right: Senior Airman Dana Contreras, 381st IS, moves from one task to another as work progresses behind her on the Rogers' new home.



Military members, TV show help North Pole family

By Master Sgt Tommie Baker
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Used to dealing with extreme circumstances, more than a dozen and a half Airmen from Elmendorf and three Soldiers from Fort Richardson drove to North Pole, Alaska, to lend their assistance in building a home for a family in need. They were joined by more than 150 Airmen and Soldiers from Eielson and Fort Wainwright.

According to Margie Achman, Fort Wainwright American Red Cross station manager, about 80 percent of the military volunteers were from Eielson and the Air National Guard.

The ABC television show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" promised a North Pole family they would have a new dream home by the end of the week, producers anticipated needing nearly 1,000 volunteers to make it happen.

North Pole residents Betsy Rogers, her nine children, her brother and his children all lived in a two bedroom home. More than 300 friends and neighbors nominated the Rogers for the ABC reality show that put a call out a few months ago for an

Alaska family that needed a new home. Television crews arrived July 8 to notify the family they had been selected for the show.

In the hours following, producers whisked the family away to a week-long vacation in Disneyland. During their absence, the crew and local volunteers created a new home for the family.

The operation moved into full swing July 9 as the 900-square-foot home was demolished. Construction was around the clock throughout the week until July 14 at 9:30 p.m. when the new house was revealed to the Rogers.

Hundreds of local volunteers, service-members and spouses, signed up for tasks and local businesses donated the bulk of the materials.

The project took on an air of a military operation. The coordination, planning and logistics were immense.

"The idea of doing something like this, on this scale, is equal to a military movement," said Paul DiMeo, "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" carpenter and designer.

The production crew found out very quickly that working in Alaska brings

with it its own challenges and rewards.

"Doing work in Alaska makes it stand out," Mr. DiMeo said. "The extended daylight is phenomenal. It was nice to be able to work with so much sunlight."

The workers from Elmendorf and Ft. Rich spent many hours on the project and felt a huge sense of pride in their support.

"We got the call for volunteers Friday morning (July 7)," said Tech. Sgt. Brenton Keay, 3rd Mission Support Squadron, Kodiak Hall dorm manager. "By the end of the day, there were nearly two dozen people ready to head up there and help."

"We enjoyed all the tasks we got to help out on. We did everything from cutting lumber to planting flowers. We waxed floors and picked up trash, you name it ... we did it. To see a project of this magnitude be completed in less than a week was overwhelming. Most of us plan to get together in September and watch the show," Sergeant Keay said.

"The Rogers Family" episode of the ABC "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" is scheduled to air Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.

"From all of us involved in supporting this project, we thank everyone that has helped this week," said Ms. Achman.

Photos by Master Sgt. Tommie Baker



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for grades 1-12

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Featuring all your favorites like ham,
omelette bar, fresh fruit

Oriental Lunch Buffet
11 am - 1 pm Thursdays

Mongolian BBQ
5 - 8 pm Thursdays
Includes rice, egg drop soup, beverage
and a fortune cookie

Southern Barbecue
5 - 8 pm Fridays
Choose your own sauce to top
your pork ribs, chicken or brisket

American Lunch Buffet
11 am - 1 pm Mondays

Bring your *Passport to Fun* to all the Customer Appreciation Celebration events this summer for your chance at over \$10,000 in giveaways!

Today
Independence Mine and Berry Picking 10 a.m.-5 p.m., ages 9-12, \$10, Youth Center, 552-2266
FCC Summer Picnic 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Paxton Park. Learn about the programs or how to become a licensed home, games, food and fun. Bring your *Passport to Fun* to this Customer Appreciation Celebration event, Family Child Care, 552-3995
Manager's Camper Special three days for the price of two July 21-24, Equipment Rental, 552-2023
Bake Blueberry Muffins 1-3 p.m., parents and friends can help bake, School Age Program, 552-5091
Bike Maintenance Clinic 4:30 p.m., \$5, Outdoor Recreation, 552-2023
Basic Automotive Services Class 5 p.m., by appointment, \$20, Auto Hobby, 552-3473

Saturday
Oil Painting "Bob Ross Style" 11 a.m.-3 p.m., bring a 16- by 20-inch canvas, \$45 includes all other supplies, instructor Donald Fanning, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478
DJ Karaoke 9 p.m., adults only, Kashim Lounge, 753-6131
Seward to North Beach Kayak Trip 8 a.m.-5 p.m., \$70, sign up in advance, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023

ATV Day Trip 9 a.m.-6 p.m., \$100, sign-up in advance, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023
Xtreme Bowling with a DJ 9 p.m.-1 a.m., \$18 per person including shoe rental, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

Sunday
Family Xtreme Bowling 1-8 p.m., \$30 for up to six bowlers, shoe rental, one lane for two hours, two pitchers of soda and popcorn, Polar Bowl, 552-4108
Sunday Brunch 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$16.95 *Members First* price, \$19.95 regular price, \$7.95 for children age 6-12, Susitna Café, 753-3131

Monday
Golf 4 Juniors 8-9:30 a.m. through July 27 with a special event July 31, ages 8-14, \$99 includes a set of clubs, stand, bag, shirt, towel and cap, plus special discounts for all participants, limit 60 participants, active-duty and DoD dependents have priority, Eagleleglen Pro Shop, 552-3821
Enrichment Camp 1-3 p.m. through July 28, \$20, ages 9-18, members only, Youth Center, 552-2266

Tuesday
Eagle River Rafting 5-7:30 p.m., \$30, sign-up in advance, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023

Amateur Youth Photography
Contest through August 15, ages 5-17, categories: scenic, wildlife, military family life and graphic manipulation. Photos will be displayed all summer, winners will receive awards and be entered into the Youth PACAF Photography Contest held in October, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Wednesday
Kayak Training 5-8 p.m., \$25, prerequisite for other kayak trips, sign-up in advance, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023
Beading "Crystal Bracelet" 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$25 plus supplies, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478
Intro to Photography 5:30-9:30 p.m., bring camera and instruction book if you have one, limit six people, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478
Give Christmas 5-9 p.m., sew stockings to donate to area children's wards this Christmas, all supplies provided. Bring sewing machine, extra embellishments and your *Passport to Fun* to this Customer Appreciation Celebration event, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Thursday
Thursday Evening Mountain Bike Ride 5:30 p.m., \$5 bike rental if needed, Outdoor Recreation, 552-2023

July 28

Portage Glacier and Wildlife Refuge Center 10 a.m.-5 p.m., ages 9-12, \$15, Youth Center, 552-2266

Whittier to Blackstone Bay Kayak Trip 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through July 30, \$175, sign-up in advance, Outdoor Adventure Program, 552-2023

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Today

7 p.m.

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The Omen

Robert Thorn's wife, Katherine, endures a difficult delivery where their newborn has died. Thorn knows the news will devastate Katherine, who had suffered two previous miscarriages. The hospital priest presents Thorn with another child born that night, whose mother died in childbirth. The priest compels Thorn to take the infant boy as his own; Katherine will never know the truth, and their son, which they name Damien, will be raised as their flesh and blood.

Saturday

7 p.m.

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The Break Up

Pushed to the breaking-point after their latest argument, Brooke calls it quits with her boyfriend, Gary. What follows is a series of remedies, war tactics, overtures and underminings suggested by friends, confidantes and the occasional stranger. When neither is willing to move out of the condo, the only solution is to continue living as hostile roommates until somebody caves.

Sunday

6 p.m.

PG-13

The Break Up

The Final Frontier

By **Capt. Tony Wickman**
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

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5. Foreign news org.
8. Urchin
13. Noticing
15. Singer Rawls
16. Lucky Lindy’s 1927 destination
17. USAF spacelift rocket
18. USA’s first satellite
20. Oak or elm
22. Pilot with 5+ kills
23. Motorist org.
26. USAF NCO report
27. USA’s first space station
31. Cancer or Capricorn
34. Actress Lupino
35. USAF communication satellite
37. USAF GPS satellite
41. ICBM treaty
42. Once ___ a Time in Mexico
43. NASA’s Enterprise or

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July 14 solutions

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51. Bean
52. Smells
56. Have pain
58. Pistol
59. Pub order
60. Asset
62. USAF pilots Grissom, Cooper or Slayton
66. USAF spacelift rocket
71. Mercury program number
72. Crypto org.
73. Plant offspring
74. MOH winner Captain Harl ____
75. Affirmative
76. 2003 Jackson movie

Down

1. Danger to ground troops, in short
2. Deli bread
3. USAF website ending
4. Picnic pest
5. Edit out from a broadcast
6. Tyson or Holyfield
7. Kitchen measurement
8. Kirk’s pal
9. “The Emancipation of Mimi” singer Mariah
10. Diamonds ___ Forever
11. Russian space station
12. Greek letter
14. Pistol, in slang
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21. Total ____
23. Cash machine
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25. Earthlink competitor
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36. Map path, in short
37. Acorn
38. Space program to the moon
39. Rock the ___
40. Fabric tear
43. Health resort
44. Death Becomes ____
45. Card game
47. Bear
48. Flightless bird
49. Lair
53. Female horses
54. Isolated
55. Rep.’s house partner
56. Mistreat
57. Greek letters
61. AFB equivalent
62. Cleo killer
63. Observe
64. Tenn. Power assoc.
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67. USAF school for 62 Across, perhaps
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70. ___ It Off

SPORTS PAGE

Arctic Warriors get out, enjoy the weather



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DE-JUAN HALEY

Jamila Stevens shoots an arrow as Bill Holzmer (left) and Sheila Wilson cheer her on. The Elmendorf Youth Center sponsored an archery camp July 10 at the Youth Center baseball field.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. RHIANNON WILLARD

Brian Dube, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal, makes his way through the cross-country course at the Hillberg Ski Area during the Hillberg Challenge. The course is approximately 4.2 miles and starts out with a 1/2 mile uphill run. Toward the end, there are several steep uphill and downhill inclines the runner must finish on.



PHOTO BY TECH SGT. KEITH BROWN

Members of the 381st Intelligence Squadron and 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron play a pick-up soccer game July 17. The game was scheduled as part of the intramural season, but was cancelled because the 3rd CES didn't have enough players. The teams decided not to waste the summer weather and played anyway.

Sport Shorts

Family Extreme Bowling

The Polar Bowl hosts Family Extreme Bowling from 1-8 p.m. Sundays. The cost is \$30 for up to six bowlers and includes shoe rental, one lane for two hours, two pitchers of soda and popcorn.

For more information, call 552-4108.

Golf 4 Juniors

The Eagle Glenn Golf Course will host Golf 4 Juniors Monday-July 27. The program includes six hours of professional instruction for children ages 8-14 and a free set of junior clubs. The cost is \$99. For more information, call 552-3821.

Gymnastics, cheerleading

Gymnastics and cheerleading classes are available for children ages 18 months and older at the Youth Center.

Instruction is available for be-

ginners, intermediate and advanced levels. Prices range from \$40-\$110 a month depending on level of instruction.

All classes are one day a week. For more information, call 552-2266.

Outdoor Adventure Program

Hiking, biking, kayaking and rafting are a few of the adventures sponsored by the Outdoor Adventure Program. OAP is located inside the Outdoor Recreation building.

For more information, call 552-2023.

Spinning certification, continuing education class

The Fitness Center is hosting a spinning certification and continuing education class at 9 a.m. Sept. 23-24 in the spinning room.

Anyone interested can sign up at the spinning Web site at www.spin-

[ning.com/instructors](http://www.spin-ning.com/instructors) or call Matt Livingston at 552-3504.

Martial Arts

The Arctic Oasis is hosting Kenpo Karate from 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays for youth and families and 7-8 p.m. for adults.

Kuk Sool Won is also available for Adults.

For more information, call 552-8529.

Elmendorf Ice Eagles hockey

Fall registration for the Elmendorf Ice Eagles starts in August. Anyone interested in playing must get their USA Hockey registration at www.usahockey.com/adult/main_site/main/adult_registration.

Players must also have a hockey ID. For more information on an ID, call Annetta Powell at 275-5715.

To prepare for the upcoming season, the teams have scheduled ice time at 6 p.m. Aug. 4 and 8, at

5:15 Aug. 12 and 9:15 Aug. 18.

For more information on the Ice Eagles C team, call John Hatch at 552-3194. For information about the novice team, call Ryan Hill at 729-3799.

Third Wing Holiday Party golf tournament

The Elmendorf Top 3 is sponsoring a 3rd Wing Holiday Party fundraising golf tournament July 28 at the Eagle Glenn Golf Course. The 7 a.m. shotgun start will be a four-person scramble with first and second place, long drive, closest to the pin, long putt and chipping contests.

The cost of the tournament is \$25 per person.

Green fees and carts are not included.

Mulligans and strings will be available for purchase.

For more information, or to sign up, call Senior Master Sgt. Larry Heers at 580-6430, or Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Furrer at 580-6602.